

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday January 16th 2000**

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## **Coolmine Rally**

The Phoenix Amateur Radio Club will hold their annual rally on Sunday February the 6th next at the Coolmine Community School in Clonsilla in Dublin. This is a very convenient venue to get to but if you have any difficulty, talk-in will be provided on channel S21, that is 145.525MHz.

Doors will open to the public at 11.00 am and the admission will be £2.00.

This is traditionally the first rally of the year and it always brings out a good crowd of both buyers and sellers.

For further information and table reservation please contact Tony McNally on 01-8252074 .

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## **IOTA Claimed Scores**

The claimed scores for the Islands on the Air Contest have been published recently and once again this contest had proved to be the most popular of the year with Echo India amateurs.

All these scores are of course subject to change when the logs are checked and the final results announced.

There were five multi-operator entries of Irish interest listed, the biggest scoring being WP2Z in the U.S. Virgin Islands, operated by the Dalkey Island Group and led by Paul Martin EI2CA.

They finished in first place in North America and second in the world in the permanent station category with a score of over five million points.

Next on the list was EJ4GK/p operated from the Aran Islands by Sean EI4GK and friends and they scored a very good 1.2 million points.

The other three stations in this section were EJ2HY with 1.05 million points, EI9GJ with 438 thousand and EJ7MRE with 415 thousand points.

There were only two EI entries in the single-operator 24-hour mixed mode section.

Society President, Paul O'Kane EI5DI finished world first in the permanent station category for this section with 1.25 million points.

IRTS Vice-President, Dave EI4BZ scored 0.4 million points to finish in 8th position in the section.

In the single-operator 24-hour SSB section, the father and son battle in East Cork resulted in a narrow victory for Jim EI8GS over John EI8IR with scores of 736k and 683k respectively. The other station listed in this section was EI3IS from the Sligo area.

Surprisingly, there appears to be no EI entry in the 12-hour CW single-operator section which means that there will be no takers for the Hal Hodgens trophy at the AGM in Monaghan. Let's hope we'll have some competition for it in the next IOTA contest at the end of July.

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### **Millennium WAI Award**

A new Millennium Worked All Ireland Award has just been announced.

A special Certificate will be issued to all stations who work all thirteen squares ending in zero zero during the current year. Some of these squares will be difficult to get but all squares will be activated during the year. The award will cost five pounds from WAI Award manager Tom Rea EI2GP at QTHR.

Anyone who has access to e-mail and wishes to be kept up to date on WAI happenings and planned events should send their address to Noel EI6HW at [nfmulvihill@eircom.net](mailto:nfmulvihill@eircom.net).

The third edition of the Worked All Ireland book is now available. Please note that Noel EI6HW has taken over the task of distributing these books and all requests should be addressed to him at QTHR.

Books cost six pounds Irish, five pounds sterling, ten US dollars or fifteen IRC's.

Other Worked All Ireland Events planned for the coming year include an Island activity event over the third weekend in June and another WAI get together later in the year, possibly in September.

Clubs and groups are asked to consider making a trip to an island to coincide with the island activity weekend and are asked to keep Noel EI6HW informed of their plans to avoid duplication of islands.

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## **Next IRTS Committee Meeting**

The next meeting of the IRTS Committee will be held in The Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone on Saturday January 22nd at 11.00am.

Affiliated clubs are reminded that a representative can be sent to this and other meetings of the Committee.

A national A.R.E.N. meeting is provisionally fixed for the same date and venue. Anyone interested should contact Liam EI7FE on 052-22493.

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## **Dates for your Diary**

As this year's Saint Patrick's Day falls on a Friday, an EI activity weekend is being proposed, covering the Friday Saturday and Sunday 17th to the 19th. Clubs are asked to make a special effort to activate rarer counties over the period. Please advise the news service of your intentions.

The Limerick Radio Club will hold their annual rally on Sunday the 26th of March 2000 in the Limerick Inn Hotel The IRTS AGM will be held in The Four Seasons Hotel on Monaghan over the weekend of April the 8th and 9th next year.

Enquiries to Stephen Hand GI7UIM/EI7FKB on 087-2932438.

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